Dear Kelly,

Despite the fact that the snow is still hanging around, signs of spring are all around! We are excited to kick of this beautiful time of year with some wonderful arts happenings.

Quick Art News

Allied Arts Exhibits get out of the gallery!

Hotel Bellwether
1 Bellwether Way, Bellingham
Mar. 5th - Apr. 2nd, 2014
A variety of artists works all created as a response to our changing climate.

Giuseppe’s Al Porto: Italian Restaurant
21 Bellwether Way, Bellingham
January 2014 - April 2014
Ginny Baker’s watercolor landscapes and city-scapes were inspired by trips to Italy and Helen Campbell’s nature inspired mixed media works are on display in the main hallway of the restaurant.

Patricia Herlevi to host Workshop at Allied Arts
Saturday, March 1, 12:30 - 2:30 p.m. at the Allied Arts

Director’s Report

March tends to be the month that we launch all sorts of new projects for the year. Our 4th Annual Arts and Culture Guide is going to print featuring over 30 different arts organizations and related businesses throughout Whatcom County. Our Annual Report should be arriving in your mail box (or is available on our web site) within the next two weeks - 2013 was a great year and we are thrilled to be operating in the black for the first time in years. New to the organization this year is the establishment of acquisition guidelines for the Allied Arts Permanent Collection. The focus will be on preserving local art for display in public places. This is a great program to promote our local artists as well as provide yet another option for locations that want to exhibit local artwork. Patrons and artists have donated works from their collections and donors have provided funding to acquire additional pieces. Three pieces were recently contributed by an anonymous donor. Here is what the three artists have to say:

- “What a remarkable thing, ...I hope this is the start of many good things for many deserving people ... to see your dream of a permanent collection come to life - Wow! Kudos on creativity and verve. This is indeed BIG news.”
- “Thank you so much for your visit and purchase today. Please tell the anonymous benefactor how grateful and honored I am to them for wanting my art work to be a part of Allied Arts Collection.”
- “Thanks very much to Allied Arts of Whatcom County for purchasing “In the Meadow” in their new acquisition program to create a permanent collection in the organization. Great idea and hard work ... to collect work and to then place it in public spaces that need some art!”

Allied Arts Annual Member’s Show
March 7th - 29th, 2013
Artwork Drop-off: Mon. or Tues., March 3rd or 4th
Opening Reception: Fri., March 7th, 6pm to 9pm
Gallery Hours: Mon. - Fri. 10am - 5pm, Sat. 12 - 5pm
Allied Arts of Whatcom County will host its 2014 Members Show in March. This show will feature work from nearly 100 Allied Arts members, including professional artists, students, and new or emerging artists. Works presented will
Patricia Herlevi, Astrologer, Author, & Intuitive Coach offers the 2-hour workshop, “Facing the Creative Desert: Intuitive Tools for Time & Cycle Management”. In the first part of this workshop, Patricia will give a lecture on oracles cards and astrology transit readings as reflective and cycle management tools that assist artists to thrive in a creative desert (a period of nothingness that occurs after a busy period). She will also give sample oracle and astrology readings (bring your natal charts), and then open the remainder of the workshop open for exploration and sharing of insights between the artists.

**BellinghamART Spring Art Camps**

Choose from 4 camps for Children and Teens, March 31 thru April 3.

Everyone will use their creativity, learn new art skills, and have fun drawing, painting, and sculpting. The youngest artists will also enjoy daily-narrated stories and music. Camps follow a creative 'spring' theme and include all materials, tools, and daily snack.

- **Ages 4 and 5**
  - Monday thru Wednesday: 10 am to 12 pm
  - Tuition $85

- **Ages 5 1/2 to 8**
  - Monday thru Thursday: 9 am to 12 pm or 1 pm to 4 pm
  - Tuition $148


**Vanishing Ice Extended through March 16th, 2014**

The Whatcom Museum presents VANISHING ICE: ALPINE AND POLAR LANDSCAPES IN ART 1775-2012 Vanishing Ice introduces the rich artistic legacy of the planet’s frozen frontiers now threatened by climate change, a phenomena understood by the public primarily through news of devastating climactic range from traditional paintings to photography to contemporary sculptures and everything in between.

Musician David Vergin will also be performing in the gallery during Art Walk singing songs from Old England.

For more information visit [www.alliedarts.org](http://www.alliedarts.org) or contact: Katy Borden, Artist Services Coordinator at 676-8548 x5 or katy@alliedarts.org.

**Arts Education Project Update**

The Arts Education Project has been busy with a wide variety of programs throughout our schools. Mary Ennes Davis recently completed a huge all-school mural project with Roosevelt Elementary, this was a Bellingham School District funded program. Performance teaching artist, JR Johnson has been working the past two months with Skyline Elementary in Ferndale leading Anti-Bullying and Anti-Harassment workshops that will culminate in a presentation by the youth at an all school assembly. Ben Mann is working with Cordata Elementary on an all school mural project (also funded through the BSD). Our teaching artists Spring schedules are filling up fast, so contact us soon if you want to learn more or schedule an activity in your school.

**Save the Date**: The 14th Annual Children’s Art Walk is scheduled to take place Friday, May 2nd from 6:00 to 9:00 in Downtown Bellingham. All Whatcom County Elementary schools are invited to participate. We are also looking for Downtown Businesses to participate and sponsors are greatly appreciated. Contact Allied Arts if you would like to get involved.

**Allied Arts has two festival applications due April 25th, 2014**

**Bellwether Arts Market**

The Bellwether Arts Market is a festival created by the Port of Bellingham and Allied Arts of Whatcom County. This market will consist of around 24 artists’ booths and will be held the third weekend in August at Tom Glenn Common. The goals of this festival is to both highlight our talented local artists and to bring locals and visitors down to our beautiful waterfront.

**Holiday Festival of the Arts**

The Holiday Festival of the Arts is an indoor, 6 week long festival featuring 100 artisans from our region Festival dates are: November 14th - December 24th, 2014

We encourage all artists of any level or medium to apply for the Bellwether Arts Markets and the Holiday Festival of the Arts.

Applications can be filled out online at [www.alliedarts.org](http://www.alliedarts.org) by April 25th.
events. The exhibition offers another perspective by providing visitors an opportunity to experience the majesty of sublime landscapes that have inspired artists, writers, and naturalists for more than two hundred years.

**Bezel Set Pendent Workshop**

At the Jansen Center in Lynden March 8th

INSTRUCTOR: Judith Gauthier will teach how to Fabricate a sterling silver pendant using a cabochon stone set in a silver bezel. Stone and silver included. Basic jewelry making skills required.

**Local Artist seeks house share**

Rebecca Meloy is seeking a house share mate, call 360-201-9038 to arrange an appointment and see the rental on Craigslist here.

With sustainability and recycling being the heart and foundation of Bellingham, the third annual Recycled Art and Resource Expo (RARE) is finally here. RARE is a two-day festival that celebrates creative reuse in the arts and other industries. The event will take place on April 4th & 5th, 2014 in and around downtown Bellingham. The Expo will consist of green art, science, and design alternatives with a big focus on artists and their diverse works, educational workshops, exhibits, speakers, performances, and a gallery full of business and artist booths with creative green goods and ideas.

Events will be happening at the Allied Arts Gallery in downtown Bellingham as well as other venues around downtown. Please check our website for further details. [www.alliedarts.org](http://www.alliedarts.org)

"Unity" - A new sculpture for Big Rock Garden Park

The City of Bellingham welcomes a new sculpture into the outdoor collection. "Unity," by Russ Beardsley and Cameron Scott, has been installed in Big Rock Garden Park. In creating the sculpture Russ Beardsley states, "we wanted something that spoke of our collaboration and reverence to stone." "The title Unity," he continues, "speaks of our friendship, our relationships to how we use materials but also our interdependent relationship with nature."

This addition to the collection was made possible by the generosity of Karen Duddlesten. Ms. Duddlesten donates this sculpture in honor of her late husband Wayne Duddlesten.

To view this sculpture as well as all the sculptures in the City's outdoor collection, see the Public Art Collection on the City's website.

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